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SUBJECT: MOTHER'S MILK STILL POLLUTED BY ORGANOCHLORINE

AGENTS AND MERCURY

REFERENCE: TOKYO 09198

1. IN COMMENTING ON CONTAMINATION OF MOTHER'S MILK BY PCBs, REFTEL STATES THAT "23 PER CENT OF 281 SAMPLES EXCEEDED PROVISIONAL TOLERANCE OF .033 PPM." EPA WOULD LIKE TO KNOW (A) WHAT DOES "PROVISIONAL TOLERANCE" MEAN? (B) ON WHAT BASIS WAS THE LEVEL ESTABLISHED? (C) HOW DOES MHW ENFORCE THIS LEVEL? (D) WHEN DOES A TOLERANCE CEASE BEING "PROVISIONAL?"

2. DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR EXPECTED TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT SEPT. 3 CONCERNING PCBs IN MOTHER'S MILK IN USA. ANY INFORMATION ON JAPANESE EXPERIENCE WILL BE MOST USEFUL.
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